Objective
The student will match initial phonemes in words.

Materials
► Backpack
   Make two copies on card stock and laminate.
► Initial sound objects or picture cards
   Choose one picture for each target sound and attach it to the top flap of the backpack (e.g., car, dragon).

Activity
Students sort objects by initial sound on the backpacks.
1. Place backpacks and initial sound objects at the center.
2. Taking turns, students select an object, name the object, and say the initial sound (e.g., “cow, /k/”).
3. Determine which target sound picture (i.e., /k/ or /d/) matches the selected object. Place object on the corresponding backpack.
4. Continue until all objects are sorted.
5. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
► Add non-target sound pictures or objects.
backpack
initial sound picture cards: car, carrot, cloud, cat, cow, comb
initial sound picture cards: crayon, coat, dog, door, duck, dragon
initial sound picture cards: deer, donut, doll, dice, drum, domino